

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Eric J. Streciwilk : Examiner: Minh Chau Thi Pham
Serial No.: 10/702,141 : Group Art Unit: 1724
Filed: November 5, 2003 :
For: DISPOSABLE FILTER WITHIN A REMOVABLE CHAMBER :

LETTER

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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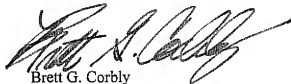
Dear Sir:

On December 10, 2007, Applicant participated in a telephone interview with Examiner Pham and Supervisory Examiner Duane Smith to discuss the Office Action issued on November 23, 2007. In particular, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,853,517 to Mitchell (the "517 Patent") was discussed. Since the '517 Patent fails to teach the limitations of Applicant's claims, Supervisory Examiner Smith indicated that the rejection would be withdrawn and the application would be allowed.

Applicant looks forward to receiving the Notice of Allowance for claims 1-16. In the event that there are any questions or outstanding issues, please contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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